

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 and 27-28 were previously pending in the application. Claims 7 and 19 are canceled; and claims 1 and 15 are amended herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1-6, 8-18, 20-25 and 27-28 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103 and Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 5, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5-6, 9-10, 12-13, 15, 17-18, 21-22, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehier in view of Alamouti. In paragraph 6, the Examiner rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehier in view of Alamouti and further in view of Li. In paragraph 7, the Examiner rejected claims 8 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehier in view of Alamouti and further in view of Schmidl. In paragraph 8, the Examiner rejected claims 4 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehier in view of Alamouti and further in view of Kobylinski. In paragraph 9, the Examiner objected to claims 7, 11, 14, 19, 23, and 25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In paragraph 10, the Examiner allowed claims 27-28. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

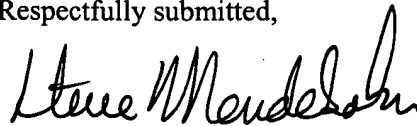
Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of previously pending (now canceled) claim 7. As such, currently amended claim 1 is equivalent to previously pending claim 7 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 1 is allowable. Since claims 2-6 and 8-14 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the recitations of previously pending (now canceled) claim 19. As such, currently amended claim 15 is equivalent to previously pending claim 19 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 15 is allowable. Since claims 16-18 and 20-25 depend directly or indirectly from claim 15, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-13, 15-18, 20-22, and 24 under Section 103(a) have been overcome.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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